

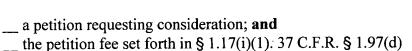


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Filed: 2/5/99) INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	
For: Dual Damascene Misalignment Tolerant Techniques For Vias And Sacrificial Etch Segments		
Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231		
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Applicant has become aware of the following printed publication which may be material to the examination of this application:

U.S. Pat. No. 5,741,626, to Jain et al., 1998

U.S. Pat. No. 5,691,238, to Avanzino et al., 1997

U.S. Pat. No. 5,592,024, to Aoyama et al., 1997

EP Application, Document No. 0911697A, to Radionovich et al., 1999

Applicant respectfully submits that the invention claimed in the above identified application is patentable over the reference known to applicant and disclosed herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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